

Athlete of the week

By Jeni Green
Allison Christianson, a junior at Iowa City, Iowa, has been chosen as the week's Athlete of the Week for her accomplishments on the women's basketball team.

Christianson, or 'Boo' as most people know her, was named to the Dubuque's Holiday Classic Basketball Tournament held during Thanksgiving break. Throughout the two basketball games against Mt. St. Clare and the University of Dubuque, Christianson averaged 16.0 points per game while shooting 43 percent from the field. She also grabbed 7 rebounds and led steals.

Through the first five games of the season Christianson is leading the Crusaders in scoring averaging 13.2 points per game for an overall total of 66 points. She is also among the leaders in rebounding with 3 rebounds a game, 1 blocks per game and an average of 1.80 steals per game.

On Friday, Nov. 28, the women defeated Mt. St. Clare 73-45. Christianson led Clarke in scoring with 15 points.

On Saturday, Nov. 29 the Crusaders lost the Holiday Classic championship game to the University of Dubuque 65-61. Christianson led Clarke in scoring again with 17 points in the game. ♦

Record 3-2

Clarke won the match in three games. The team in assists with 12. The Crusaders have showed themselves tough on the boards. Out-rebounding their opponents 25-14. The men play at home on Friday, Dec. 6, taking on Mt. Mercy College. The game will start at 7 p.m.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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I'll be home for Christmas, or maybe not

By Katie Kendall

During Christmas break, most Clarke students are given the opportunity to rest and relax for a month at their homes. Many students will work, prepare for senior performances to be given in the spring, read a few books for pleasure, or most likely, lounge around the house for a month and do nothing but catch up on sleep.

Some students however, will travel over the holidays for both pleasure and school-related activities.

Mike Harvey, junior physical therapy major, will make his journey out east.

"My family and I will be going to New York City to celebrate Christmas because that's where my mom's side of the family lives," Harvey said.

Jeremy Haas, sophomore, said his break plans include a trip down to Atlanta, Ga, to visit his sister. While there he said he plans on attending an Atlanta Hawks basketball game.

Bridget Kanter, senior physical therapy major, said she plans to get a lot done while she is in Florida for the month of Christmas break.

"My brother works in a dinner theater type of place so I am going to spend my nights waitressing there. However, my days will hopefully be spent on the beach," Kanter said.

A few students find themselves traveling a distance just to go home.

James Patrick, senior, plans to head to California to visit his family.

"I'm very glad to finally be getting home," Patrick said.

While at home in California, Patrick also plans to go to Las Vegas for a few days where he hopes to win big money.

Jon Rubino, senior english and communications major, also plans to make the trek out west.

"I'll be working and soaking in the sun in Phoenix, Ariz, where my family lives," Rubino said.

School-related trips seem to be the main reason why students will be traveling this break.

Jill Christopher, junior elementary education major and member of the women's basketball team, is one of the 16 women making the trip to South Dakota and Dallas, Texas, for basketball games.

"And hopefully, we will also be going to The Five Flags Center to win the NCBT," Christopher said.

Sara Hansen, senior social work major, is one of several Clarke students going on the sub-tropical ecology trip to Florida. Hansen said that while there they will travel all over Florida, including the Everglades. They'll also snorkel, canoe, perform tests and locate organisms.

Brad Rupnow, sophomore, said he will travel to Europe with the rest of the choir to perform and visit places such as Prague, Vienna and Salzburg.

Senior art majors Lynn Bradshaw and Aaron Wilbers will also be getting some hands-on learning as they travel with Doug Schlesier to Mexico for an art trip.

"I'm going to have a great time for 16 days in Mexico with some other art majors. We'll see some pre-Columbian ruins and hopefully be inspired to produce more artwork when we get home," Bradshaw said.

Wilbers said he is excited about both sampling another culture and enjoying the nice weather.

Still other students are traveling with their families for a vacation over the holidays.

Evan Siegle, senior communications major, will be in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, over Christmas.

"It should be interesting to see how we celebrate," Siegle said.

Nicole Walbrun, senior communications major, said she plans to go to Aspen with her friend Tasha to relax.

"I'm going to 'cut a fakie' on my snowboard that I'm asking for Christmas from Mom and Dad," Walbrun said.

What seems to be the most common activity over Christmas break is to go home and spend time with parents, brothers and sisters and other relatives.



Photo by Chris Brees

Clarke College Christmas ornaments decorate a tree in the window of the Whitlow Bookstore. Christmas decorations are being displayed around school to celebrate Christmastime.

ers and sisters and other relatives.

Anne Schickert, senior sociology major, said she is going home to Wisconsin, but will probably end up going north to ski.

Mary Ellen Herbst, receptionist, who lives in Dubuque, said she is very excited to see her kids who will be home from college.

Sheila Burke, junior biology major,

said she will travel eight hours to her home in Carbondale, Ill.

Billy Marth, junior physical therapy major, said he plans to relax at home over break.

"I'm going to eat, drink, sleep and get caught up on TV," Marth said.

No matter where you go or what you do over break, remember, "It will be the fastest month of your life," Marth said.

Christmas in other countries

By Maria T. Ortiz-Lleras

Christmas in Latin American countries involves festivities, parties and celebration. All of these are family-oriented activities.

The main days of Christmas in Latin America are Noche Buena (Christmas Eve), Día de Navidad (Dec. 25), Despedida de Año (Dec. 31), Día de Año Nuevo (Jan. 1) and Día de los Tres Reyes Magos (Jan. 6).

For more than 10 years the Bacardí Puerto Rican Rum Festival has been the 'door' to the Christmas season. Puerto

Ricans kick off the Christmas season after Thanksgiving when the Bacardí Puerto Rican Rum Corporation holds their annual cultural, arts and crafts, music and food festival.

In Puerto Rico, there is no such thing as a white Christmas. Puerto Ricans have the shining sun 365 days a year, and even though they don't have snow, Santa Claus visits them on 'Noche Buena' (Christmas Eve). Santa Claus is part of the Puerto Rico Christmas spirit and festivities because of the influences in culture and the political status of Puerto

Rico with the United States.

At 'Noche Buena,' all family members gather for dinner and celebrate the most important part of the Christmas season, Jesus' birth.

In Latin America another important family celebration is 'Día de los Tres Reyes Magos' or the Three Wise Men Day. This day, celebrated on Jan. 6, is not observed as a holiday in the United States.

The tradition in Puerto Rico is that children make sure they have fresh grass for the three Wise Men's camels. Parents

help their children and leave the grass inside a shoe box next to their beds or by the Christmas tree. In the morning, children find presents from the 'Tres Reyes Magos' next to the shoe box they had filled with grass.

In Columbia children leave their shoes next to their beds and in the morning they find money in them," Colombian ELP student Marcela Henao said.

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NEWS

New computer science lab to open in spring

By Angie Bicker

A new computer lab for computer science students is located in the Keller Computer Center and will be available to students at the beginning of next semester.

"The department wanted a lab that computer science students can play with. For example, students are trying different kinds of networks that involve pulling all the wires out and putting different ones in. The computer science students couldn't be turned loose in the ELECT lab classroom in the Keller Computer Center because students can't tear apart machines and then have another class come in afterward," Barrett Koster, assistant professor of computer science, said.

The new equipment for the computer lab is being installed by seven students in Koster's data communications class.

The money for the new lab came from the Title III grant. Koster said the Title III grant allocated \$37,000 for the lab.

The room for the computer lab was supplied by the college. Koster said this room was used for students to work on computers when the ELECT lab had a class. He said they are looking for another place to put machines in for students, but haven't found one yet.

New machines are being installed in the lab for computer science students. Koster said there are nine PC clones and one is a server. He said a UNIX machine, color printer, VCR, and a television will be in the new lab.

A TCP/IP main network will also be available in the new lab.

"The students will learn how to connect our network like the Internet. The students will be able to put on a resume that they know how to connect a TCP/IP network. Everyone needs to

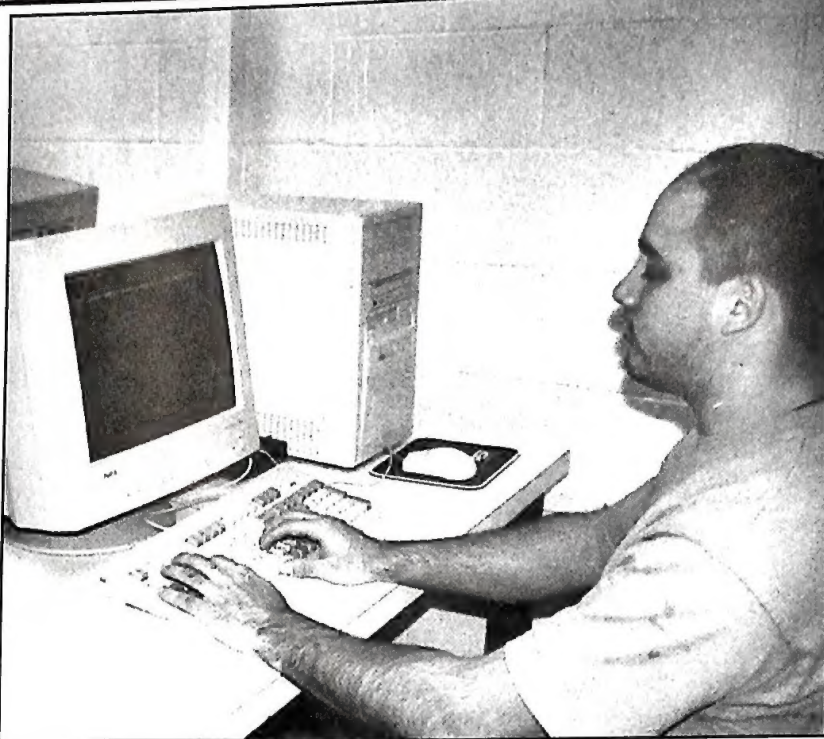


Photo by Evan Siegle

Clarke student Louis Vasquez works on a computer in what will soon be Clarke's new computer science lab. The new lab is scheduled to open in the spring of 97.

know how to do that because everyone wants to connect to the Internet," Koster said.

The machines in the new computer science lab provide students with more power than the average machine. He said the lab will have PC6 computers that work very fast and should be able to do full speed animation.

Koster is also teaching a graphics course in the new lab next semester. He said the class will deal with 3-D geometry and lighting.

The new lab is also available to computer science students who have to write programs, which a lot of the computer science classes now require.

Committee examines remodeling options for cafeteria

By Demetrius Wiggins

A marketing committee of faculty and staff is examining remodeling options for the Clarke cafeteria. As part of its study, the committee said it is looking for some feedback from the student body.

The committee said a questionnaire will be passed out shortly to help gather the students' opinions. The questionnaire will ask the students what they want from the cafeteria, what some of their concerns are about getting through the line, whether the students would like to see a new serving area, what their concerns about the food are, and whether they would like some other food than what is being served. These are only a few of the questions that will be asked.

"The primary reason that Clarke feels that this is an extremely important project is that we want to create an environment that is both socially pleasing as well as allow students greater flexibility in their choice of food and in the time that it takes them to get their food," said Jim Prince, vice president for business and finance.

Systems Design International (SDI), which is based in Colorado, has been hired to remodel the cafeteria. The company has remodeled cafeterias all around the world.

This project is high priority and the committee said it hopes to have the cafeteria remodeled before the fall 1997 semester begins.

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Christmas break for students is longer in Puerto Rico than in many schools in the United States but still is shorter than the Columbian Christmas break. In Puerto Rico students get out of school the third week in December and return to classes around January 12 or 15.

"In Columbia, students will start their Christmas break the second week in November and return to school in February," Columbian ELP student Marcela Restrepo said.

Gredel Berrios, a student from Puerto Rico, said that "what I like the most from the Christmas season is the 'parrandas'. In English 'parrandas' would be merry-making. 'Parrandas' is a group of family and friends gathering together, having lots of fun when we surprise somebody late at night at their house with guitars, 'maracas' (rattlers) and other instruments. We sing our native Christmas songs, eat, and drink at our friends houses. Then we go visit other family or friends houses. It is fun, and people receive the 'parrandas' in their houses gladly even when 'parrandas' happens usually around 1 or 2 in the morning."

People attend mass frequently during the Christmas season. In Columbia, people pray the 'novenario.' Families pray every night and meet for snacks afterwards.

"Usually snacks are 'natilla' (milk and sweet corn candy), 'buñuelos' (fried cheese bread) and 'manjar de mora' (blackberry cake)," Columbian student María del Pilar Rodríguez said.

"People in Spain have 'turrón' (hard candy made of almonds and honey) for snacks during the Christmas season," Spanish professor Graciela Caineiro-Livingston said.

Candle-lighting



Clarke College will hold its annual candle-lighting and Advent Mass on Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel. The public is

invited to attend. Due to this special mass, there will not be an 11 a.m. mass on Saturday, Dec. 15.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Hoffman's multimedia presentation opens

By David Kintzle

"Anger and conflict should be examined and not be avoided. They can be healthy parts of life."

That is one of the messages of Miriam Hoffman's bachelor of fine arts thesis, "Interiors: Intimate Ties," now appearing in the Quigley Gallery.

The work, which is set up to look like a house, examines how to use these complex emotions and experiences in a positive way to improve intimate relationships.

Hoffman, who works in the art department at McGraw-Hill, said she did a lot of thinking before beginning this work. A quote by the late poet and writer Audre Lorde had an immediate impact on her. It reads: "Dig down deep inside of yourself to find what it is that burns inside of you and use it to create your art."

"The subject that burns inside of me has always been emotional intimacy," Hoffman said.

This work is autobiographical in part.

In her artist's statement Hoffman said, "The pieces in this show represent a personal progression in my own emotional life, exploring the development of my 'self' and my ability to harness conflict and the emotion of anger as a positive vehicle."

"I hope that I have portrayed anger in a beautiful way in order to provoke thought and insight to my viewers."

In a series of eight 12" by 12" paintings, Hoffman allows the viewer to examine the conflicts that she has had in her own family. Gold is used to "demonstrate the precious nature of intimate relationships," Hoffman said.

Hoffman's multimedia presentation includes a video on anger. By the use of the complementing colors of red and green she helps the viewer to examine the ways conflict and anger can be dealt with.

"I have dealt with conflict by consciously dealing with it," Hoffman said.

In her grace and forgiveness toilet

Hoffman encourages the viewer to move on with life and let go of the negative things, such as bills, bad decisions and the actions of others, that have a negative influence on us.

Another theme of the exhibit is that despite differences, humans are still "tied" to each other. "We are interdependent with a sense of community," Hoffman said. She conveys this by use of real objects such as vines, neckties, ropes, threads, cords, fish line and lures, licorice and spaghetti.

The fishing theme, Hoffman said, is like-life, you never know what you are going to get.

This optimistic attitude is also reflected in a bowl of positive quotes found at the entrance to the exhibit.

There are positive aspects of conflict, Hoffman said, pointing to a necktie bedspread that turns into pieces of fruit at the foot of the bed. "Troubles can produce fruit."



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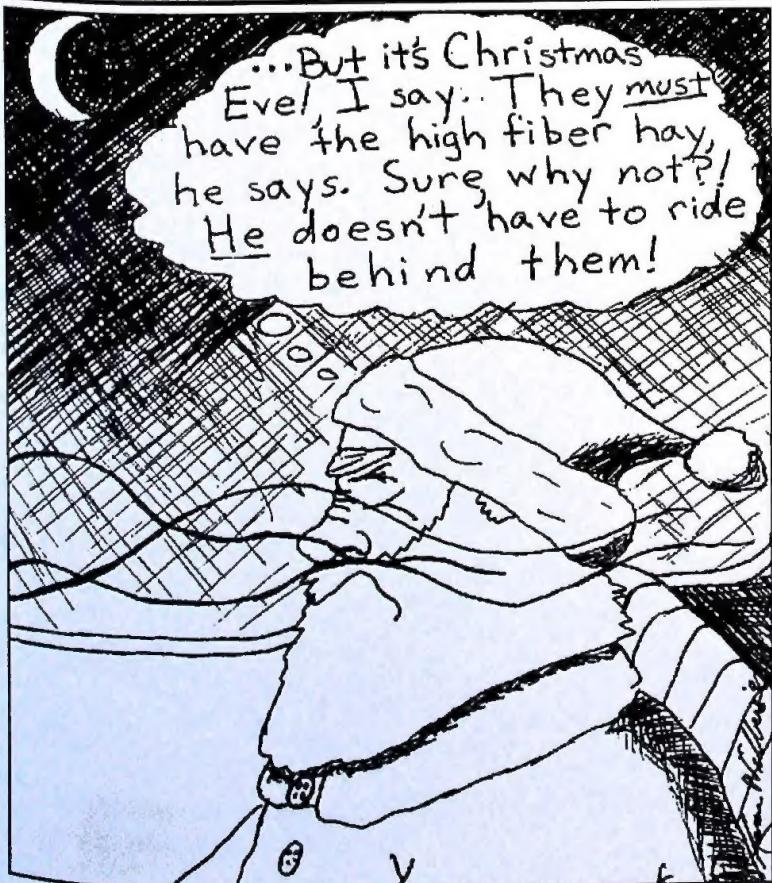
"Intimate Ties," a senior art show by Miriam Hoffman, is currently being displayed in the Quigley Gallery.

Mittens warm hearts of children



Photos by Chris Brees

Mary Ben Hall, along with CSA, sponsored the annual Mitten Tree Party. The activity took place on Sunday Dec. 7. The event was open to less fortunate children in the Dubuque area. They received a pair of mittens that were filled with hot chocolate and candy. The event was organized by Nicole Ames and Jolene Worzalla. They would like to thank all those people that helped to make the event successful.



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SPORTS

Haggas adds to emotion on the court

By Julie Rex

By Julie Bex
 "To get fine wine, you must press!" This is a favorite line of Michael Haggas, this year's mens' and womens' basketball announcer.

Besides adding excitement and enthusiasm to games, he also holds a full-time position at Clarke. As the assistant director of admissions at Clarke College, he recruits students in Missouri and Southern Illinois, including DuPage and Kane counties in Illinois as a Clarke representative. Haggas is from Omaha, Neb., and graduated from Clarke in 1994.

He started announcing basketball games for Clarke last year. He only did it four times, but this year it will be full-time.

"Mike Haggas is a refreshing new addition to the Kehl Center. After Mike Davenport left, I thought it would be a tough position to fill, but Mike has done a super job," senior women's basketball manager Jennifer Rutledge said.

Where does he come up with these lines? Haggas said that when he was on his way to St. Louis, he took a tape recorder and taped his voice and lines for about an hour, until he found the right ones. He makes up the majority of his creative lines

"I do this so I can give back to the college, and also it is a lot of fun," Haggas said.

He also said he does it for the players, coaches, and fans.

"The energy he adds to the atmosphere directly relates to the emotion used on the court," Allison Christianson, said.



Mike Haggas, the assistant director of admissions, does the announcements at all of the men's and women's home basketball games.

Haggas said his favorite part of the game is announcing the starting lineups. He also said the trivia during timeouts and games during halftime are adding excitement to every game.

He said his dream is to announce at least one game for the Chicago Bulls.

He said the toughest part of the job is trying not to cheer for Clarke, because he is supposed to be neutral, "especially when the referee makes a bad call."

Why else does he do it? "It gets me good seats to the games," Haggas said.

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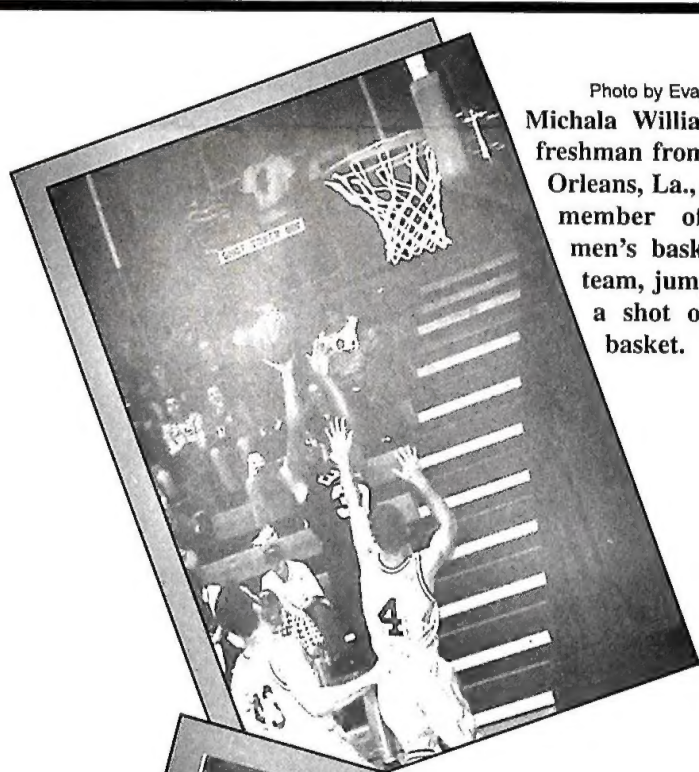
By Jeni Green

The athlete of the week for Dec. 9, Dec. 13 is Julie Bex, a member of the women's basketball team. Bex is a junior communications major from Riverside, Iowa.

Bex has been a starting point guard since her freshman year at Clarke. Playing this position means she must run the offense and set the defense up while on the floor.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, the women took on Iowa Wesleyan. Bex scored 16 points and led the team with 10 rebounds. She also had three assists and one steal during the game. For the season, Bex is among the team leaders in field goal percentage with 54.2 percent from the field, rebounding 4.33 on average per game, 3.83 steals per game and 2.67 assists per game.

Earlier this season during the Clarke Classic Basketball Tournament, Bex was named to the All-Tournament team after leading the team in scoring with 17 points in one game and 10 points in another game.



Michala Williams, a freshman from New Orleans, La., and a member of the men's basketball team, jumps for a shot on the basket

Basketball teams take to the floor

By Whitney Smith
Women's Basketball

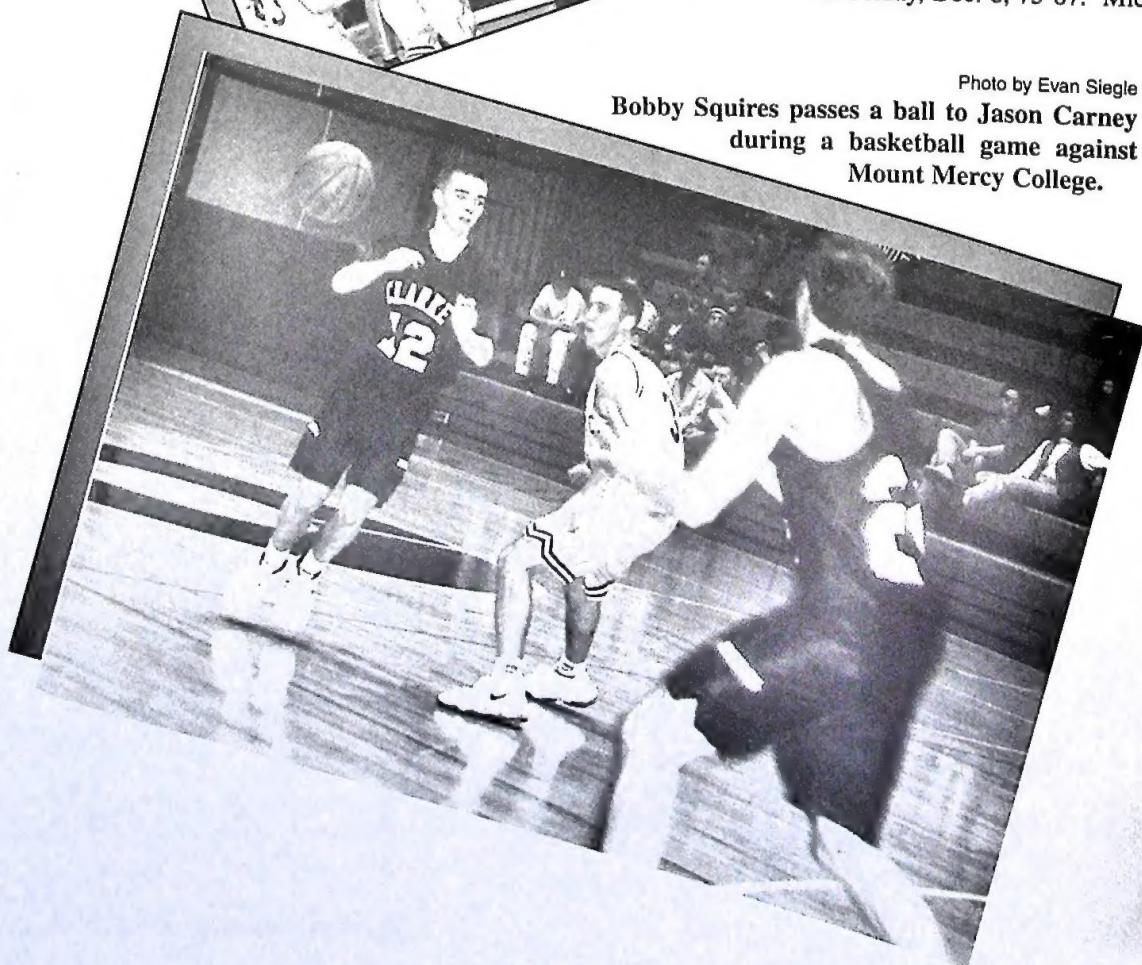
Women's Basketball

The women beat Iowa Wesleyan on Saturday, Dec. 7, 66-55. Julie Bex and Jill Christopher led the Crusader charge with 16 points apiece. Bex also led the team in rebounds with 10; she was followed by Deann Trapp's 7. The Crusaders caused 30 turnovers, leading to 26 of Clarke's points.

The women play in Oshkosh, Wis., against UW-Oshkosh on Saturday, Dec. 14.

Men's Basketball

The men's team fell to Mount Mercy College on Friday, Dec. 6, 75-67. Michala Williams led



Bobby Squires passes a ball to Jason Carney during a basketball game against Mount Mercy College.

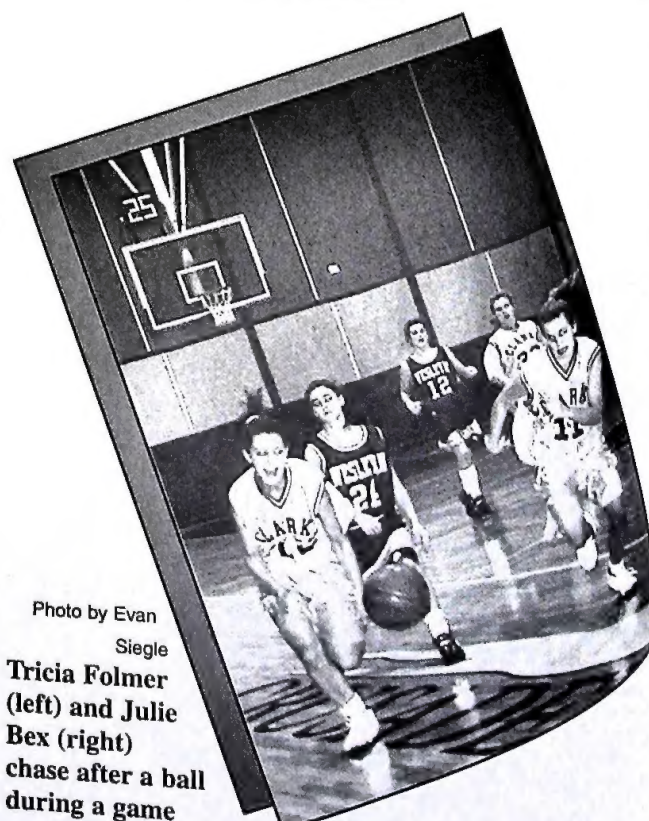


Photo by Evan Siegle

Tricia Folmer (left) and Julie Bex (right) chase after a ball during a game against Iowa Wesleyan.

the team with 19 points, Jervis Hayes added 14 and Brett Jondle added 10. Williams also brought down a team high of eight rebounds, followed by Todd Heiden's seven. Clarke shot 48.8 percent from the field but was hurt by their 28 turnovers leading to 29 of the Mustangs' points.

The men also lost to Luther College on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 73-69. The Crusaders shot 66.7 percent from the field in the first half. Chad Schockemoehl led the team with 16 points and Williams and Jondle put in 14 apiece. Heiden assisted in four of the Crusader baskets and he and Schockemoehl led the team in rebounds with five.

Hold off on

By Ryan Pierson

Did you know you can't donate blood for a year after getting a tattoo? You can find out more about donating blood at the American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Clarke College Atrium, sponsored by Health Services.

donors must be in good general health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old. The other requirements are a social security number and a valid form of identification.